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In re Application of:

TADAHIRO OHMI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/494,945

Filed: February 1, 2000

For: LASER OSCILLATING APPARATUS,
EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING
THE SAME, AND DEVICE
FABRICATION METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, each item of information cited herein was cited in a European Search Report dated July 27, 2001. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of that Search Report is enclosed.

The foreign language documents cited herein may be relevant for the reasons set forth in the Search Report. Also for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants

have enclosed copies of English language abstracts for the foreign language documents. The abstract for the Japanese language document was provided by the European Patent Office. The other abstracts were obtained from a commercial database.

Applicants also note that European Patent Application No. 0 820 132 discussed in the Search Report is not cited in the attached Form PTO-1449, because that document was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 2, 2000.

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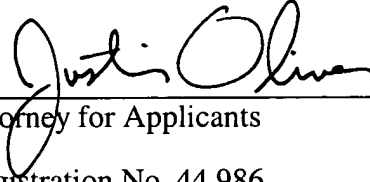
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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